

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. New dependent claim 21 has been added. Support for this new claim may be found on page 14, lines 18-26 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, 4-21 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-3 & 5-18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-3 and 5-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Action. Specifically, the phrase, "for use in future processing of step (b)," recited by claim 1 is objected to as indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to delete a phrase that was deemed by the Action to be indefinite. A modified version of this phrase is now recited by new dependent claim 21.

Also, regarding claim 12, the phrase, "a geographic position dependent routing mechanism .. discarding the message," is objected to as not being clear. Claim 12 has been amended to clarify that the geographic position dependent routing mechanism is coupled to the position determination module and the communication mechanism. Also, claim 12 has been amended to clarify that messages and the position of the current node are received by the geographic position dependent routing mechanism. The geographic position dependent routing mechanism either transmits the received message or discards the message based on the received information as recited above.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112 be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant graciously acknowledges the allowable subject matter as noted in paragraph 4 of the Action on page 2.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons advanced above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are requested, and allowance is earnestly solicited at an early date. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any suggestions, thoughts or comments, which might expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,




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